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Sir:

Pursuant to applicant's obligations under 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97, 1.98, application is pleased to disclose the information in the references identified on the enclosed PTO 1449 form. A copy of each of the identified references is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in this application. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the information in this Statement must, under 37 CFR §1.97(b)(1), be considered and on a no fee basis.

The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being filed to make of record the references that were cited in a Search Report, which is dated 8 October 2002, of the European Patent Office in its examination of a

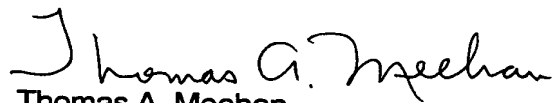
corresponding application in that jurisdiction. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed.

It is to be noted that U.S. 3,650,723, which was not cited in the European Search Report, is included herewith because it appears to correspond to German 200874, which was cited. Further, U.S. 5,824,129 and 5,846,283, which are already of record in this application, appear to correspond to the cited reference WO 92/20631, as does U.S. 5,599,370, also not cited in the enclosed Search Report.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the claims in this application is patentable over the enclosed references, individually and in any proper combination thereof. In that regard, it is submitted that EP 1 182171 A2, which is based on an application that corresponds to the application identified on page 1 of this application, at lines 5, 6, is not itself prior art as to this application because it was not published until February 27, 2002, nearly 5 months after the filing date of this application.

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